

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**TOWN OF GRAFTON  
SEMI ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

**FINAL MINUTES**

The Semi Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Monday, October 17, 2016 in the Auditorium of the Grafton High School at 7:30 p.m.

Upon order of the Moderator Raymond Mead, 217 Brigham Hill Road, checkers were stationed at the entrances to the hall, using voting lists on which to check the names of those persons who entered.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all present.

Mr. Mead advised all present of the procedures used during Town Meeting.

Mr. Mead then appointed David Robbins, 92 George Hill Road, as Deputy Moderator.

Mr. Mead recognized Ginny Kremer, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, Donna Girouard, Doug Willardson, Assistant Town Administrator, and Tim McInerney, Town Administrator and Senator Michael Moore.

Town Clerk, Donna Girouard read the return of the warrant.

**ARTICLE 1. RECEIVE REPORTS OF OFFICES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to hear reports of the Library Building Committee and DPW Building Committee, without taking any other action thereon.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Julie Grace, Member at Large for the Library Building Committee, gave a brief presentation to update residents about the Library Building expansion.

John Bechard, Chair for the DPW Building Committee, gave a brief presentation to update residents about plans for the DPW Building facility.

**ARTICLE 2. ADJUST FY17 OPERATING BUDGET**

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to adjust the FY17 budget as follows:

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:**

<b>AMOUNT:</b>	<b>TRANSFER FROM:</b>	<b>TRANSFER TO:</b>
\$53,000	IT Salaries	IT Expenses
\$9,975	DPW Salaries	Conservation Salaries
<b>\$62,975</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

AND TO APPROPRIATE:

<b>AMOUNT:</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>
\$45,000	Treasurer/Collector Expenses
\$27,635	Assessor Expenses
\$10,000	Recreation Expenses
<b>\$82,635</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

And to meet said appropriation, raise and appropriate \$45,000 and transfer from Free Cash \$37,635.

Ed Prisby, Chairman of the Finance committee advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports the article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

### **ARTICLE 3. PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS**

Upon motion of Sargon Hanna, it was voted to pay bills incurred in a prior fiscal year from Free Cash, as follows:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Planning	Apple Inc.	\$150.00
Cemetery	Chase-Harris Corp.	\$540.00
SGCH	N. Grid	\$532.52
IT	Akuity	\$413.75
IT	Akuity	\$1,680.00
IT	Akuity	\$240.00
Library	Findaway	\$139.96
Highway	Verizon	\$38.80
Sewer	Koopman	\$31.98
Sanitation	Weston & Sampson	\$3,800.00
Engineering	VHB Inc.	\$2,937.12
Engineering	Lenard Engineering	\$3,842.95
Recreation	Marine Rescue	\$6.00
Cemetery	TruGreen	\$234.00
Cemetery	American Alarm	\$ 133.00
Town Administrator	Citizen's Bank	\$165.00

Ed Prisby, Chairman of the Finance committee advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports the article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required nine-tenths votes.

#### **ARTICLE 4. FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT**

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Fire Department Retirement Account.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 5. SICK AND VACATION BUYBACK**

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000 to fund the buyback of accumulated sick and vacation leave for retiring employees pursuant to the Town By-Laws and/or collective bargaining agreements.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

#### **ARTICLE 6. APPROPRIATION TO OPEB TRUST FUND**

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to transfer \$100,000 from the stabilization fund to the OPEB Trust fund.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds votes.

#### **ARTICLE 7. FUNDING FOR FOLLETTE STREET WELL PROJECT**

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to appropriate \$17,000 from Free Cash to the Follette Street Well Project Account for the purpose of funding the Follette Street Well Project, pursuant to Article 10 of the Warrant for the May 11, 2009 Special Town Meeting.

Ed Prisby, Chairman of the Finance committee advised that the Finance Committee has reconsidered and now supports the article.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

#### **ARTICLE 8. CPC AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE**

Upon motion of Sargon Hanna, it was voted to reserve \$46,200 from the FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Affordable Housing.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

## **ARTICLE 9. CPC OPEN SPACE RESERVE**

Upon motion of Craig Dauphinais, it was voted to reserve \$46,200 from the FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 10. CPC HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE**

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to reserve \$46,200 from the FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Preservation.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 11. FUND FOR CPA PURPOSES**

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to reserve \$149,225 from the FY2017 Community Preservation Fund revenues for FY16 Community Preservation Fund purposes.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 12. ROAD IMPROVEMENT STABILIZATION FUND**

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to transfer \$1,510,320.09 from the Road Improvement Stabilization fund to the Road Improvement Capital Expenditures fund for road improvement projects consistent with Chapter 90 rules and regulations as recommended by the DPW Advisory committee and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

## **ARTICLE 13. STOWE ROAD DRAINAGE REPAIRS AND RESTORATION**

Upon motion of Sargon Hanna, it was voted to pass over this article.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

## **ARTICLE 14. USE TABLE AMENDMENT FOR MUNICIPAL USES VOTED BY TOWN MEETING**

Motion was made by Craig Dauphinais, to amend Public and Semi-Public Uses 10 entitled Municipal uses voted by Town Meeting, in Section 3.2.3.1 Use Regulation Table of the Grafton Zoning By-Laws, as set forth in the Warrant.

Michael Scully, Chairman, read the Report of the Planning Board.

The Moderator declared the motion defeated as it did not meet the required two-third votes.

**ARTICLE 15. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1.5.5 CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING SPECIAL PERMITS**

Upon motion of Brook Padgett, it was voted to amend Section 1.5.5 Conditions for Granting Special Permits by inserting section k, as set forth in the Warrant.

Michael Scully, Chairman of the Planning Board, read the Planning Board report.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-third votes.

**ARTICLE 16. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9.4 CAMPUS OVERLAY DISTRICT PERMITTED USES**

Upon motion of Jennifer Thomas, it was voted to amend Section 9.4 Campus Overlay District Permitted Uses, as set forth in the Warrant.

Michael Scully, Chairman of the Planning Board, read the Planning Board report.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds votes.

**ARTICLE 17. ADOPT A RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW**

Upon motion of Bruce Spinney, it was voted to pass over the article.

The Moderator declared the motion defeated.

Motion was made by Daniela Sharma, 18 Bridle Ridge Drive, member of the Agricultural Commission, to amend Article 17 as it was set forth in the warrant, by removing Section 4: Disclosure Notification

The moderator declared the motion to amend Article 17 defeated.

Motion was again made to pass Article 17.

The Moderator declared the motion to pass over carried.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:47 pm.

The Moderator declared the motion carried

A true copy,  
Attest,

Donna M. Girouard  
Town Clerk